

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006:

- A) please consider the responsive Remarks provided herewith in Attachment A; and
- B) please amend the above identified application as follows:
 - Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in Attachment B.

In view of the amendments made and the remarks provided, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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